



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 2522-033
Client No. AW8071US/JH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Eung-Joon LEE, et al. Conf. No.: 8644
Serial No. 10/630,570 Examiner: Sarkar, Asok K
Filed: July 29, 2003 Art Unit: 2829
For: METHOD FOR FORMING SILICIDE FILM OF A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

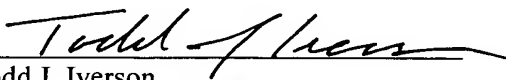
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

- ☒ Publication and Issue Fee
- ☒ Applicant's Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- ☒ In connection with issuance of a patent:
 - ☐ Supplemental Declaration ☒ PTO Form 85B
- ☒ PTO Form 2038 authorizing credit card payment of \$ 1630.00 for the above-listed fees.
- ☒ Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

Customer No. 20575

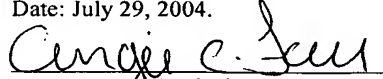
Respectfully submitted,

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.


Todd J. Iverson
Reg. No. 53,057

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.
1030 SW Morrison Street
Portland, OR 97205
503-222-3613

I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States
Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue
Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Date: July 29, 2004.


Angie C. Farr



PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 2522-033
Client No. AW8071US/JH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Eung-Joon LEE, et al. Conf. No.: 8644
Serial No. 10/630,570 Examiner: Sarkar, Asok K
Filed: July 29, 2003 Art Unit: 2829
For: METHOD FOR FORMING SILICIDE FILM OF A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

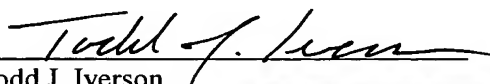
Claims 1-14 have been allowed in this case. In discussing the allowable subject matter of these claims, the Examiner has indicated that the prior art of record fails to teach or disclose, either alone or in combination, one of the features recited in claim 1 and claim 13. To the extent that these comments regarding allowable subject matter agree with the language of the individual allowed claims, the applicants agree with the Examiner.

The applicants would like to note that it is a well known tenet of patent law that patent claims are read as a whole, rather than phrase by phrase or element by element. Therefore, the scope of the allowed claims is not necessarily limited to only the claim features that the Examiner highlighted, but rather, to the language of the claims themselves, in their entirety.

Finally, the applicants note that there are several independent claims allowed in this case, as well as various dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from the allowed independent claims. Each of these allowed claims includes particular features and particular claim language, and therefore each has a scope different from the others allowed in this case.

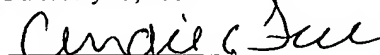
Customer No. 20575

Respectfully submitted,
MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.


Todd J. Iverson
Reg. No. 53,057

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.
1030 SW Morrison Street
Portland, OR 97205
503-222-3613

I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States
Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue
Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Date: July 29, 2004


Angie C. Farr